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A Conference of the C. S. S. S. was held at S. Saviour's House, Philadelphia, on Tuseday, September 9th, at 11.30 a. m.

There were present— The Master, the Vice Master, the Warden, Brs. Cowl, Lobdell, Hayward, Stone, Bowles, Ward, Robinson, Hitchcock, Macpherson, McClelian, Cooper and Cowan.

Reports were received from—Brs Newton and Hatton.

Chapter IV. of the Constitutions was read, followed by the Litany of the Congregation.

The Warden gave the following meditation :

SPIRITUAL WISDOM.

Second Chapter, First Corinthians.

1st Prelude—Contemplate S. Paul preaching to the Corinthian Christians, not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but with the hidden wisdom revealed by the Spirit which searcheth the deep things of God.

2d Prelude—Pray that as Priests we may speak, "not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth ; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

I.—Effects of Spiritual Wisdom.

(*a*) It gives unity of purpose, "I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

(*b*) It gives strength and boldness, "I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling."

(*c*) It gives power, "My speech and my preaching was with demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

II.—The Source of Spiritual Wisdom.

(*a*) The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity the Lord and Giver of Life.

(*b*) His Personality. His work in the world and in the Church.

III.—The Subjects of this Spiritual Wisdom.

(*a*) Those who are spiritual. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned."

(*b*) The soul of man, the great battle ground in the warfare between the body and the Spirit.

Will—To deepen in your soul the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom.

Coll—To the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Translations of S. Thomas were read by Brs. Cooper and Cowan.

Appointments for October Conference: Br. Stone to give the meditation; Brs. Ward and Webb to translate Questio LXIX, Art. 3, of the Summa.

The present Warden was re-elected by the Conference.

The Master, Brs. Hayward and Ward were appointed a committee to report on additional theological study in the Conference, part of which should be French.

The Warden announced the following appointments for work in S. Thomas, Summa, Pars III, for the ensuing year :

Translations for the Conferences, 1902–1903.

Oct.,	Questio	LXIX,	Art.	3, Brs. Ward and Webb.
Nov.,	"	"	"	4, Brs. Raker and Robinson.
Dec.,	"	"	"	5, Brs. Cowl and Cogswell.
Jan,,	"	"	"	6, Brs. Hayward and Hitchcock.
Feb.,	"	"	"	7, Brs. Bowles and Lobdell.
March,	"	"	"	8, Brs. Stone and Newton.
April,	"	"	"	9, Brs. McGarvey and McClellan.
May,	"	"	"	10, Brs. Purdy and Hatton.
June,	Questio	LXX	"	1, Brs. McPherson and VanSyckel.
July,	"	"	"	2, Brs. Cooper and Cowan.
Aug.,	"	"	"	3, Brs. Ward and Webb.
Sept.,	"	"	"	4, Brs. Raker and Robinson.

The *Officium Proprium* closed the Conference.

N. Dunham VanSyckel,

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